

Appl. No. 10/036,308  
Amendment dated February 1, 2005  
Reply to Office Action dated January 18, 2005

### **REMARKS**

Applicants note that the Amendments to the Claims section has been corrected to list claims 14-15 which were inadvertently omitted from the Amendment and Response filed on December 2, 2004. Claim 14 and 15 have been canceled without prejudice. Applicants respectfully request full consideration of the Amendment submitted on December 2, 2004.

Applicants have received and reviewed an Office Action dated August 2, 2004. By way of response, Applicants have amended claims 4-6 and 9. No new matter is presented. Claims 4-6 and 9-13 are pending. Applicants submit that the pending claims are supported by the specification.

For the reasons given below, Applicants submit that the amended claims are in condition for allowance and notification to that effect is earnestly solicited.

### **Rejection of Claims Under § 112, Second Paragraph**

The Examiner rejected claims 4-6 and 9-13 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

The Examiner suggested replacing the term "detecting" in claims 4-6 with the term --determining--. Applicants have amended the claims to recite --determining-- rather than "detecting".

The Examiner objected the way in which claims 5-6 referred back to claim 4. In response, claims 5 and 6 have been amended to be in independent form.

Accordingly, it is believed that the amended claims fully comply with § 112, second paragraph, and withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

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**Summary**

In summary, Applicants submit that each of claims 4-6 and 9-13 are in condition for allowance. The Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below, if the Examiner believes that doing so will expedite prosecution of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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